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Colonel Kimberly M. Colloton, PMP
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Dear Colonel Colloton:

The members of Arizona Pipe Trades Local 469, a union of more than 3,000 crafts men and women in the plumbing and pipefitting industry, believe the Rosemont Copper project serves the public interest because it will create high-quality jobs and have a positive economic impact in Arizona and across the country.

During the mine's first 20 years, 2,900 annual direct and indirect jobs would be supported locally, with another 4,581 positions supported at the state level and 9,043 national jobs supported. The project will have an annual economic impact of \$701 million to southern Arizona, a \$900 million impact to the state of Arizona and \$1.3 billion impact to the United States.

These numbers speak for themselves.

The Arizona Pipe Trades Local 469 will strongly support any project that will create high-quality union construction jobs. As the construction sector recovers in Arizona, we cannot afford to pass up an opportunity as promising as the Rosemont Mine.

The jobs created by the Rosemont Mine will require crafts men and women with the highest level of training. Our members are required to graduate from the UA International's certified and accredited Joint Apprenticeship Training Program, which produces the best journeymen in the industry. This five-year apprenticeship program requires apprentices to have more than 10,000 hours of on-the-job training and more than 1,200 hours of classroom education.

The USFS has issued draft Record of Decision in December and it included mitigation measures that were developed to avoid, minimize, rectify, reduce, eliminate or compensate for the impacts that the preferred action alternative, the "Barrel Alternative," would have on the environment.

The USFS conducted a rigorous six-year-long process to evaluate the mine. We cannot afford to wait any longer for this project – the time is now to move forward.

Yours,

Phil McNally
Business Manager

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